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THE FUNDAMENTAL
L A W S,
S T A T U T E S,
AND
CONSTITUTIONS
OF THE
ANCIENT AND MOST BENEVOLENT
O R D E R
OF THE
FRIENDLY BROTHERS
OF
S T. *K* P A T R I C K.

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THE THIRD EDITION.

Maximè autem perturbantur officia in amicitiiis: quibus et non tribuere, quod rectè possis, et tribuere, quod non sit æquum, contra officium est. Sed hujus generis totius breve, et non difficile præceptum est. Quæ enim videntur utilia, honores, divitiæ, voluptates, et cæteræ generis ejusdem, hæc amicitia nunquam anteponendæ sunt. At nequè contra rempublicam, nequè contra jusjurandum ac fidem, amici sui causâ vir bonus faciet.

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INTRODUCTION.

MAN being in his natural State, the most naked and helpless of all Creatures, is forced to fly to Society for Assistance; where, by Means of the Benefits mutually paid and received, his Weakness is protected, his Infirmities relieved, and all his Wants comfortably supplied: He therefore, that is the best Member of Society, is consequently the best Man. But as no one can justly be said to extend his benevolent Regard to a Million, who never loved an Individual of the Number, (Man being found to rise in his Affections from Particulars to Generals,) it is hoped it may prove somewhat conducive to the good of Society *in general*, to promote and encourage among Men, the

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just Observance of private and singular Friendships: whence, growing more humane, their Hearts enlarge, taking in at first particular Societies and Ranks of Men, till, dilated by insensible Gradations, at length they overflow with generous Sentiments of Candor, Benevolence and Friendship for all Mankind. A Heart thus tempered is prepared for the easy Reception of all other Virtues. For this divine and glorious Purpose, the ancient and most benevolent Order of the FRIENDLY BROTHERS, diffused through the Universe, was first instituted; who, for the better Regulation of the Order, and to establish a mutual Good-Will and Correspondence among them, have enacted, that the following *fundamental Laws, Statutes, and Constitutions*, shall be for ever inviolably observed and kept sacred, by all the Members of this *ancient and most benevolent Order*.

THE FUNDAMENTAL
 LAWS,
 STATUTES,
 AND
 CONSTITUTIONS
 OF THE
 ANCIENT AND MOST BENEVOLENT
 ORDER
 OF THE
 FRIENDLY BROTHERS
 OF
 ST. PATRICK.

I. **T**HE ancient and most benevolent ORDER of the FRIENDLY BROTHERS, consisteth of an unlimited Number of Members, distinguished by the Word FRIENDLY inserted between their Christian and Surnames: who, in honour of IRELAND, where this ORDER was first instituted, and hath long flourished, have put themselves under the Patronage of St. PATRICK; and are therefore stiled THE FRIENDLY BROTHERS OF SAINT PATRICK.

Title of
 the OR-
 DER.
 Number.
 Word
 Friendly,
 where to
 be used.
 St. Pa-
 trick their
 Patron.

II. THIS

Degrees of the ORDER. II. This ORDER is divided into two Classes. One comprehending all the Members of the ORDER, stiled the REGULAR FRIENDLY BROTHERS. The other consisting of such Regulars, as for their well-tried Fidelity and Friendship, have been initiated into the grand and solemn Mysteries of the ORDER, and are styled THE APPROVED AND PERFECT FRIENDLY BROTHERS: who from thenceforth become Members of all Knots in the Universe.

Knot, it's Signification. III. The Assemblies of the Brethren are called KNOTS: signifying the indissoluble Tie of Love, and Friendship, wherewith they are mutually bound. And they are either Principal Knots, or Marching Knots, which all center in the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, and SELECT GRAND KNOT.

Grand President annually elective. His Title. IV. The Principal of this ORDER, who is annually elective out of the approved, and perfect-friendly Brothers, in all public Acts of the ORDER, is styled, *His Benevolence the Grand President of the Ancient and most Benevolent ORDER of the Friendly Brothers*. He is, during his Office, to use the Word FRIENDLY, instead of his Surname: and hath the Privilege of Presiding in any Knot which he honors with his Presence. He is constantly to reside in the Kingdom of IRELAND: And if he should at any time, without the Consent and Approbation of the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, absent himself from IRELAND above six Months, his Office is thereby vacated, and the ORDER may proceed to a new Election.

V. His

V. His Benevolence the GRAND PRESIDENT of the ORDER, hath always a Right in himself, of his own good Pleasure, and benevolent Disposition, to appoint one REGULAR FRIENDLY BROTHER, in his Year, to any Knot in the Universe. Prerogative.

VI. The Legislative Power of this ORDER is lodged in the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, which is composed of all REGULAR and PERFECT FRIENDLY BROTHERS, wherein the GRAND PRESIDENT of the ORDER, or his VICE-PRESIDENT, by him specially authorised, shall preside: But in case it shall happen, that neither the GRAND PRESIDENT, nor his VICE-PRESIDENT, shall be able to attend; in such Case, the Senior who has served in the Office of GRAND PRESIDENT, or in case no such shall be present, then the Senior PERFECT present shall open the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, and proceed to do the Business thereof. HERE, the GRAND PRESIDENT, with the Approbation of the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, hath Power, by Patent, to constitute new Knots in any Part of the Universe. The Presidents of which new created Knots, shall be called the PRESIDENT of the Principal Knot of that County, City, or Place for which the Patent shall be granted: "And no Patent shall be granted except on a Petition to HIS BENEVOLENCE, and the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, signed by at least five REGISTERED BROTHERS, signifying that they are ready to open said Knot on the Receipt of their Patent, and promising to govern it according to the Fundamental Laws, Statutes, and Constitutions of THE ORDER, and to such Regulations as the GENERAL GRAND KNOT shall think proper to prescribe." Legislature, of whom composed. Vice-President. Senior Perfect. Their Power. Principal Knots. Form of applying for a Patent.

VII. AFTER

VII. AFTER the same manner, the GRAND PRESIDENT granteth Patents for holding Marching Knots, in all parts of the World, by Gentlemen of the Army, which shall be independant of all other Knots, except the GENERAL GRAND KNOT. They shall have all the Powers of a Principal Knot, except, that they shall not have Power to admit any Members into such Marching Knots, but Gentlemen of the Army only.

VIII. ALL Patents universally, shall be signed by his BENEVOLENCE, or his Deputy, and countersigned by the Principal Secretary of the GENERAL GRAND KNOT. And no Knot shall be held out of the County, City, or Place for which the Patent is granted, without particular Leave had from the GENERAL GRAND KNOT. Nor shall any new Knot, (under the Standing of Nine Months) from its first Opening, be opened, unless three Regular Brothers at the least, nor any Knot of the Standing of nine Months, or upwards, unless five Regular Brothers, at the least, be present, the PRESIDENT always included.

IX. HIS Benevolence the GRAND PRESIDENT hath also a Council appointed for him, for the better Regulation and Management of the grand Affairs of the ORDER, called the SELECT GRAND KNOT, consisting only of APPROVED, and PERFECT FRIENDLY BROTHERS: in which alone is lodged the Power of electing APPROVED AND PERFECT FRIENDLY BROTHERS. And his Benevolence hath two Secretaries, called the Principal Secretaries of the ORDER: one to officiate in the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, and the other in the SELECT GRAND

GRAND KNOT. And every Knot shall have a Secretary and a Treasurer, who must all keep Books, wherein proper Entries shall be made of all the Proceedings of their respective Knots, and particularly of all new Laws and Orders, which may hereafter be thought fit to be made for the good of the ORDER.

X. THE GRAND PRESIDENT, or his VICE-PRESIDENT, is impowered to visit, and inspect every Knot whatsoever. And his Benevolence hath also a Power to nominate and appoint one of the PERFECT BROTHERS in every Knot, except in the City of Dublin, his VICE-PRESIDENT for that Place, to summon and convene the PERFECTS of that Place, and to propose such of their Brethren, as they shall think deserving to be made Perfects, to the SELECT GRAND KNOT in DUBLIN: and if they be approved of there, that such VICE-PRESIDENT shall be impowered to receive and initiate them. And that such SELECT KNOT shall have Power to inspect the Conduct of the Principal, and Marching Knots of, or in that Place, and report to the SELECT GRAND KNOT, in DUBLIN, or to the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, their Opinion thereon.

XI. THE GRAND PRESIDENT being constantly to reside in the Kingdom of IRELAND for the better Regulation and Government of the ORDER diffused through the Universe, shall be impowered, with the Approbation of the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, to appoint one of the APPROVED AND PERFECT FRIENDLY BROTHERS, to preside in each Foreign Kingdom or Principality, who shall be styled, the GRAND PRESIDENT of the Kingdom, or Principality

His Title. cipality in which he resides. And he shall have the same Precedences and Distinctions that HIS BENEVOLENCE the GRAND PRESIDENT of the ORDER enjoyeth.

Knots to
assemble
St. Pa-
trick's
Day.

Medal.

Arms.

(Ribbon)
green.
Crest.
Perfect
Ribbon,
not to be
worn by
any else.

XII. EVERY GRAND PRESIDENT, and PRESIDENT throughout the Universe, shall summon and convene their Knots on the seventeenth Day of *March* annually, that being the Anniversary Festival of St. PATRICK, the Patron of the ORDER. When all the Members shall appear in the Ensign of the ORDER, being a golden Medal, on which shall be impressed Saint PATRICK's Cross, fixed in a Heart over which is a Crown. The whole being set round with an emblematic Knot embellished with Trefoil, or Shamrock Leaves, and this motto, FIDELIS, ET CONSTANS: implying Fidelity, and Constancy in Religion, Loyalty and Friendship. On the Reverse shall be impressed the Arms of the Order. Namely, A Group of Hearts in Fesse, Or, (as an Emblem of the strict Union of the Members of the ORDER,) charged with a celestial Crown of the same, in Chief, in a Field Vert; (the Reward of their Benevolence, and Fidelity.) Round the Shield, an endless Knot, set with Shamrock Leaves, the Mantling, proper, and two emblematic Dolphins, their Faces downwards, Argent. A Label issuing from their Mouths, with this Motto, QUIS SEPARABIT. This Medal shall be worn pendant to a green Ribbon. And for the Crest, on an Helmet, and Wreath of ther Colours, a Wolf Dog standing proper. On the Ribbon of the PERFECT FRIENDLY BROTHERS, the Cross is blazoned in Embroidery, and ornamented with a celestial Crown, which no REGULAR BROTHER

BROTHER shall at any time presume to wear, under Penalty of perpetual Discontinuance. Every Member of the ORDER is constantly to wear his green Ribbon, and never to be seen without it. If at any time he should, he is to forfeit Two-pence; and if in a Knot, Six-pence. Green Ribbon always worn.

XIII. On the seventeenth Day of *March* also, the GENERAL GRAND KNOT shall annually proceed to elect a GRAND PRESIDENT of the ORDER, who shall enter upon his Office the first Day of *May* following. And upon the said Seventeenth Day annually, the SELECT GRAND KNOT shall settle the Mysteries of the ORDER for the ensuing Year. Upon the same Day annually, all other KNOTS shall proceed to elect their respective Officers, who shall also enter upon their Offices the First Day of *May* following. And, at the same time, all GRAND PRESIDENTS of foreign Parts, and PRESIDENTS of PRINCIPAL and MARCHING KNOTS, shall by themselves, or their Secretaries, write to the GRAND PRESIDENT, or his Secretary, for their Annual Instructions; which, when they have received, they shall duly communicate. And if it shall so happen that the GRAND PRESIDENT, or any other PRESIDENT, shall by means of Sickness, Absence, or Negligence, fail to summon their respective Knots upon that Day, or if any PRESIDENT shall happen to die, their Secretaries may convene them. And if they also shall neglect, the Members of such Knots may, of themselves, assemble at the most usual Place of Meeting, and proceed to the Business of the Day, as if their PRESIDENTS had been actually Grand President to be elected, and Mysteries settled that Day. All other Officers to be elected. Presidents to write for annual Instructions. When Secretaries may convene Knots. Members themselves to assemble.

Knots not actually present. And the Knots offending herein are discontinued, until restored upon proper Application to the GENERAL GRAND KNOT. If the GENERAL GRAND KNOT shall neglect to come to an Election upon the Day, and in the Manner aforesaid, the GRAND PRESIDENT for the time being, and all the Officers of that KNOT, shall hold over for one Year more, and so on for ever. And, at the same time, that every Knot writes to their immediate Superiors for their annual Instructions they are to send exact Lists of the several Members admitted into their respective Knots during the last Year, and of those Persons that have been rejected, or discontinued; which shall all be registered in the GENERAL GRAND KNOT. Also an exact Account of, together with the Fees of that Annual Year due to the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, and from whom received, according to the 24th Statute.

Knots not assembling to be discontinued. General Grand Knot to hold over.

List of the Members to be sent up.

Lists to be registered. Annual Accounts.

XIV. EVERY PRINCIPAL and MARCHING KNOT hath a Right to make Bye-Laws to bind itself: Provided the Laws so made by either of them, shall not be repugnant to these the STATUTES and fundamental LAWS of the ORDER, and shall have lain, at least, a Month on their Books before confirmed. BUT every KNOT, lawfully constituted. hath a Power of admitting REGULAR FRIENDLY BROTHERS into the ORDER. And no Brother who is not empowered as these STATUTES direct, shall presume to initiate any one whatsoever. And Persons desirous to be admitted, shall Petition the PRESIDENT of the Knot, of which they would become Members, which Petition shall be handed in by a Brother, and shall be treated according to the particular Rules

Bye-laws.

Power of every Knot. None without Authority shall admit Members. Method of Admission.

Rules of that Knot. But if the Person thus applying, shall happen to be rejected; the principal Secretary of the GENERAL GRAND KNOT is to be acquainted therewith, who is to give Notice thereof to all other Knots, that he may not be received into any. If the Person chooses to apply a second Time, as he hath a Right to do, in the same Knot; then all the Members who were present at the Ballot, shall be particularly summoned, if within three Miles of the Place, and the Occasion mentioned in the Summons. No new admitted Brother shall be permitted to treat or feast the Knot, into which he is admitted: But, on the contrary, every new Brother, at the Time of his being admitted a NOVICE, shall be treated by the Knot, he only paying the Entrance Fee.

Persons
rejected,
not to be
received
into any
other
Knot.

New
Members
not to
treat;
but to be
treated.

XV. EVERY FRIENDLY BROTHER shall obey the Summons of his Knot, provided he hath been served therewith twenty-four Hours before the Time appointed, and is within three Miles of the Place of Meeting, and is not hindered by some lawful and important Occasion. And if any Member shall absent himself he shall give a faithful Account to his Brethren of the Reasons that detained him, and submit himself to the Censure of the Knot. And as all PERFECT BROTHERS are Members of every Knot, they shall be regularly summoned in like manner. No Knot whatever shall discontinue or otherwise censure the Conduct of an APPROVED and PERFECT FRIENDLY BROTHER, but the SELECT GRAND KNOT only. Nor shall any particular Knot totally discontinue any Member from the ORDER, but the GENERAL GRAND KNOT alone, which is always to be

Brothers
to obey
the Sum-
mons of
their
Knots.

Not ab-
sent
them-
selves.

Perfects
to be re-
gularly
summon-
ed.

Not to be
censured.

Total dis-
continu-
ance in
the Gene-
ral Grand
Knot
informed alone.

informed fully of the Matter, to judge of the Complaint, and proceed accordingly.

Members to be Christians No religious nor Party Debates suffered. Curfing, Swearing, and Obscenity forbidden. XVI. No Person whatsoever shall be admitted into this ORDER who does not profess himself a CHRISTIAN. Nor shall any Religious, Political, National, or Party Debates, be permitted in any Knot. All profane *Curfing*, *Swearing*, and *Obscenity*, shall at all Times be avoided by the FRIENDLY BROTHERS: And every Member who shall err herein in any Knot, or in the Presence of a FRIENDLY BROTHER, shall, for every Offence, pay Sixpence for the Use of the Poor, as a small Memorial of his Crime.

Word of a Friendly to be kept sacred. Friendly Secrecy to be observed inviolate. XVII. IF any Member of this ORDER affirmeth any Thing upon the Word of a FRIENDLY, he is Religiously to tell the Truth. So also, if he imparts a Secret to any Brother, under the Seal of FRIENDLY Secrecy, the same shall not, in any Manner be revealed, without his own proper Consent; provided such Secret containeth nothing contrary to the Laws of GOD, or of the Land; and that it may be every Way lawful to keep the same.

Brothers to relieve one another in distress. XVIII. IF any Member of this ORDER findeth a continued FRIENDLY BROTHER of the same in Distress, he is to afford him all lawful Assistance to the utmost of his Abilities. And herein his own FRIENDLY Conscience is to judge how far he is to extend his Benevolence.

Shall not quarrel. XIX. No FRIENDLY BROTHER shall affront or quarrel with a continued Member of the ORDER. But, as the best of Mankind in their unguarded

unguarded Moments, are subject to Passions, if any Member of this ORDER, through the Frailty of human Nature should have the Misfortune so far to forget the Love he owes his Brother, and the Obedience due to these STATUTES, as to proceed to Anger with a continued FRIENDLY BROTHER, and disturb the Peace and Tranquillity of the ORDER, He shall not presume to decide his own Quarrel according to the Laws of pretended Honour, by the barbarous Practice of DUELLING, unknown to the politest and bravest Nations, but shall peaceably, and with due Obedience, submit his Differences to the Decision of his Knot; who shall cause the Offender to make sufficient and Honorable Atone-
But refer his Differences to his Knot.
 ment for his Error. And the Parties on both Sides shall renew their FRIENDSHIP, and in all Points submit themselves to the FRIENDLY Admonition and Determination of their Brethren, who shall judge on such Occasions without Prejudice or Favour.
Who shall judge impartially.

XX. Any grand Breach of the known Rules of FRIENDSHIP to a continued Brother, or a general Disrespect of these Laws, shall be punished with perpetual Discontinuance; whereby the Offender is deprived of all the Benefits of this ORDER. And the GRAND PRESIDENT shall communicate the same to all GRAND PRESIDENTS of foreign Kingdoms, and PRESIDENTS of Principal and Marching Knots: That so, Care may be taken, that no Person so totally discontinued may ever again be admitted into this ancient and most benevolent ORDER.
Disrespect to the Laws punished with Discontinuance. Names of discontinued Members, to be communicated to the whole ORDER.

XXI. UNITY among the Brethren has ever been one of the grand Characteristicks of the
Unity amongst Brethren
 ORDER.

ORDER. And although, through the Frailty of human Nature, Perfection is not on this Side the Grave, yet it is the Ambition of the FRIENDLY BROTHERS to make the fairest Attempts; therefore, as to the approving of Candidates, or admitting, *ad Eundem*, (both of which are hereby directed to be by Ballot) in a Knot from five to thirteen Brethren, one dissenting Brother nulls the Act. In a Knot from thirteen to twenty Brethren, two Brothers shall null the Act. In a Knot from twenty to twenty-seven, not less than three shall null the Act. And so on, for every seven Brethren more, there shall be one Negative more to null the Act. Otherwise the Act shall stand good in all Knots, except in the Case of Electing of Officers, which shall be determined by a Majority.

The Ballot for Members.

XXII. THE GENERAL GRAND KNOT of this ancient and most benevolent ORDER, shall for ever be held or convened in the City of DUBLIN, the Metropolis of the Kingdom, or within the Liberties of the same, and no where else. And no Member shall quit the Room, while the GENERAL GRAND KNOT is sitting without first obtaining Leave from the President. And if any Member should be faulty herein, he shall be fined, and censured by the GRAND PRESIDENT, at his Discretion.

General Grand Knot to be held in DUBLIN

No Brother to quit the Knot without Leave.

XXIII. No FRIENDLY BROTHER shall publish, advertise, or insert in a News-paper, or otherwise, any Thing relative to the ORDER, except Summonses for convening Knots, without the previous Approbation of the GENERAL GRAND KNOT.

No Brother to advertise.

XXIV.

XXIV. IN Order to create a Fund to enable the GENERAL GRAND KNOT to defray its various and necessary Expences, and to extend the BENEVOLENT Intentions of the FRIENDLY BROTHERS, every Person on being initiated a NOVICE shall pay for the Use of the GENERAL GRAND KNOT, ONE GUINEA, over and above the usual Admission Fee of the Knot into which he shall be received. The same to be regularly sent up to the GRAND SECRETARY by each Knot, on making their Returns, and applying for their annual Instructions.

Every Gentleman on being made to pay a Guinea to the General Fund.

XXV. FINALLY, as the FRIENDLY BROTHERS profess themselves to be Lovers of all Mankind; they shall therefore endeavour, by their Advice, and Example, to promote, and encourage among Men, the Practice of all the social Virtues; and to let their Humanity, Benevolence, and Charity extend so universally to all that are distressed, and miserable; as to render themselves in the End, to be deservedly esteemed APPROVED and PERFECT FRIENDLY BROTHERS of the ancient, and most benevolent ORDER of the FRIENDLY BROTHERS OF SAINT PATRICK.

To profess universal Benevolence and general Philanthropy.

*Agreed to in a GENERAL GRAND KNOT,
on the 17th of February, 1799, and
ordered to be printed.*

*The FIRST LESSON appointed for
the Instruction of this ORDER.*

I. **A** FRIEND loveth at all Times, and *Prov.*
a BROTHER is born for Adversity. 17. 17.

II. A MAN that hath Friends, must shew 18. 24.
himself Friendly: and there is a FRIEND that
sticketh closer than a Brother.

III. SWEET Language will multiply Friends: *Eccles.*
and a fair speaking Tongue will increase kind 6. 5.
Greetings.

IV. A FAITHFUL FRIEND is a strong De- 14.
fence: and he that hath found such a one, hath
found a Treasure.

V. NOTHING doth countervail a faithful 15.
Friend, and his Excellency is invaluable.

VI. A FAITHFUL FRIEND is a Medicine 16.
of Life, and they that fear the LORD shall
find him.

VII. WHOSO feareth the Lord shall direct 17.
his Friendship aright: for as he is, so shall his
Neighbour be also.

VIII. CHANGE not a FRIEND for any Good, *Eccles.*
by no means: neither a FAITHFUL BROTHER 7. 18.
for the GOLD of *Ophir*.

IX. Forfake

Ecclef.
9. 10.

IX. FORSAKE not an old Friend, for the new is not comparable to him : a new Friend is as new Wine ; when it is old, thou shalt drink it with Pleasure.

22. 25.

X. I WILL not be ashamed to defend a Friend, neither will I hide myself from him.

26.

XI. AND if any Evil happen unto me by him, every one that heareth it will beware of him.

27. 16.

XII. WHOSO discovereth Secrets, loseth his Credit ; and shall never find a Friend to his Mind.

17.

XIII. Love thy Friend and be faithful unto him : but if thou bewrayest his Secrets follow no more after him.

27. 21.

XIV. As for a Wound, it may be bound up, and after reviling there may be reconcilment ; but he that bewrayeth Secrets is without hope.

37. 6.

XV. FORGET not thy FRIEND in thy Mind, and be not unmindful of him in thy Riches.

28. 8.

XVI. ABSTAIN from STRIFE ; for the beginning of STRIFE is as the letting out of Water ; thou knowest not where it may end.

Prov.

25. 8.

XVII. Go not forth hastily to strive ; lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy Neighbour hath put thee to shame.

9.

XVIII. DEBATE thy Cause with thy Neighbour himself, and discover not the Secret to another.

XIX. ADMONISH

XIX. ADMONISH a FRIEND ; it may be *Ecclef.*
he hath not done it, and, if he hath, that he 19. 13.
do it no more.

XX. ADMONISH a FRIEND ; it may be he 14.
hath not said it, and, if he hath, that he speak
it not again. There is one that flippeth in
his Speech, but not from his Heart : and who
is he, that hath not offended with his Tongue.

XXI. ADMONISH a FRIEND ; for many 15.
times it is a slander, and believe not every
Tale.

XXII. ACCUSTOM not thy Mouth to SWEAR- 23. 9.
ING, neither use thyself to the naming of the
HOLY ONE ; for he that useth much Swearing, 10.
and nameth GOD continually, shall be filled with
iniquity : and, if he acknowledge not his Sin, 11.
he maketh a double offence.

The End of the FIRST LESSON.

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XX. [Faint, illegible text]

XXI. [Faint, illegible text]

XXII. [Faint, illegible text]

The SECOND LESSON.

I. **A** NEW Commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John.* 13. 4.

II. BY this shall all Men know, that you are my Disciples, if ye have Love one for another. *John.* 13. 35.

III. GREATER Love hath no Man than this that a Man lay down his Life for his Friends. 15. 13.

IV. BELOVED, let us love one another : for LOVE is of GOD ; and every one that loveth is born of GOD, and knoweth GOD. *John. Ep.* 4. 7.

V. HE that loveth not, knoweth not GOD. 8.

VI. FOR GOD is LOVE ; and he that dwelleth in LOVE, dwelleth in GOD, and GOD in him. 16.

VII. THERE is no fear in LOVE, but perfect LOVE casteth out Fear, because Fear hath Torment : he that feareth is not made perfect in Love. 18

VIII. WE love him, because he first loved us. 19.

IX. IF any Man say, I love GOD, and hateth his Brother, he is a Liar : For he that loveth not his Brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love GOD, whom he hath not seen ? 20.

X. AND

John Ep. X. AND this Commandment we have
4. 21. from him, that he who loveth God, love his
Brother also.

Galatians, XI. IF a Brother be overtaken in a Fault,
6. 1. restore such a one in the Spirit of Meekness.

Ephes. XII. LET all Bitterness and Wrath, and
4. 31. Clamour, and Evil-speaking, be put away from
you, with all Malice.

32. XIII. AND be kind to one another, tender
hearted, forbearing and forgiving one another,
even as GOD for CHRIST's Sake hath forgiven
you.

James. XIV. BUT above all Things, my Brethren,
5. 12. SWEAR NOT AT ALL, neither by Heaven, nei-
ther by the Earth, neither by any other Oath.
Mathew. But let your Communication be yea, yea, nay,
5. 37. nay: for whatsoever is more than these,
cometh of Evil.

The End of the SECOND LESSON.

The CHARTER SONG.

I.

LONG had the jarring Atoms been
In dire Confusion hurl'd ;
'Till Jove, to prove his friendly Reign,
Bade Concord form the World.

*In Chorus then your Voices raise,
To Friendship's Glory, Union's Praise.*

II.

By steady Rule in Order bright,
The new Creation rose,
And Wonders issuing into Light,
A beauteous Frame disclose.

In Chorus then, &c.

III.

All Nature closely link'd we find ;
Such Ties does Love inspire ;
For Love alone this Knot could bind,
With Force of social Fire.

In Chorus then, &c.

IV.

The Bliss of Friendship, Truth and Love,
Our Hopes in Prospect shew ;
As Harmony delights above,
It charms the Soul below.

In Chorus then, &c.

V.

'Twas Love spread Warmth and Heat on Earth,
And Union nurs'd the Flame ;
'Twas this gave Kings and Heroes Birth ;
Hence Cæsars, Nassauss came.

In Chorus then, &c.

VI.

On this unshaken Rock depend,
'Till future Times shall own,
Our heav'nly Friendship knows no End ;
For Concord fix'd her Throne.

In Chorus then. &c.

D

Da Capo.

FRIENDSHIP'S PRAISE,

A NEW SONG.

To the Tune of, *Long Live great George our King.*

I.

TO sing in FRIENDSHIP's Praise,
Let all your Voices raise;
Glorious the Theme.

Da Capo.

Friendship has various Charms,
Enticing to her Arms,
Guarding us from all Harms;
Sacred her Name.

Chorus.

II.

Constant Fidelity,
Let her sweet Motto be:
Write it on Gold.

Da Capo.

Inscriptive on your Heart,
Be Friendship without Art;
Friendship has on her Part,
Beauties untold.

Chorus.

III.

Friendlies inseparate,
Glowing with mutual Heat,
What can divide?

Da Capo.

Union, and Harmony,
Concord, and Amity,
Love and Fidelity,
Are Friendship's Pride.

Chorus.

S O N G.

I.

GRANT me, kind Heaven, what I request;
In Friendship's Joys let me be blest;
Direct me to that happy Place
Where Friendship smiles in every Face,
Where Union, Bliss, and Innocence
Delight the Mind, regale the Sense.

II.

Where scepter'd Reason, from her Throne,
Surveys the Heart and makes us one;
And Harmony's delightful Sway
For ever sheds Ambrosial Day,
Where we blest Eden's Pleasures taste,
And Friendly Joys are our Repast.

III.

Our Knot the social Virtues grace,
Where Friendship radiant in each Face
Reflects, with Lustre ever new,
The Friendly Path we should pursue;
Thus link'd, our Friendly Joys increase,
Till crown'd with pure celestial Peace.

SONG by Dr. *Ralph Schomberg.*

I.

FILL your Glasses neat and trim,
Gayly sparkling to the Brim;
Toast each honest Friendly here,
And the Brethren far and near:
Firmly thus together tied,
Who shall dare our KNOT divide
Chorus. Firmly thus, &c.

II.

Th' emblematic Heart around,
Lo! with Honor's Girdle bound;
This we FRIENDLY BROTHERS know,
We whose Hearts with Honor glow.
Chorus. Firmly thus, &c.

III.

Mark the busy World, and see
Where you'll find Fidelity?
FRIENDLIES act no double Part,—
With our *Hand* we give our *Heart*.
Chorus. Firmly thus, &c.

IV.

On her Basis, strong and sure,
Conscious *Virtue* stands secure:
Let her Dart *Detraction* cast—
We'll be *faithful* to the last.
Chorus. Firmly thus, &c.

V.

Warm'd by *Friendship*—still the Fair
Are not less a FRIENDLY's Care;
Low we bend to *Beauty's* Shrine,
And to *them* our Hearts resign.
Chorus. Firmly thus, &c.

VI.

As the Turtle to his Dove,
We are *constant* in our Love;
Faith and Constancy we boast,
Love and Friendship is our Toast.
Firmly thus together tied,
Who shall dare our KNOT divide?
Chorus. Firmly thus, &c.

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I.

THE Gods were assembled, *Olympus* was gay,
The *Nectar* went merrily round,
When up started *Phæbus*, the Monarch of Day,
A Toast in his Turn to propound.

II.

Great *Jove*, he gave CHARLOTTE, and *Juno* the KING,
Their Thunder proclaim'd it around;
Long live GEORGE and CHARLOTTE all Heaven did ring,
So pleas'd were the Gods with the Sound.

III.

The Corsican Chief, in a Bumper full charg'd,
Mars chearfully toasted about;
On his Valor, *Minerva* most gaily enlarg'd.
And then—drank her Glafs fairly out.

IV.

The God of the Ocean he drank to our Fleet,
Gave KEPPEL and HAWKE as his Toast;
These Warriors in Action will never retreat,
Whatever proud *Gallia* may boast.

V.

Sol, honestly filling his Glafs to the Brim,
Observ'd that they all did the same;
Diana herself tho' so prudish and prim,
She took off a Bumper for Shame:

VI.

A Health to the FRIENDLIES, Success and Increase;
Long live all the Brethren they cry'd;
May they flourish for ever, since Union and Peace,
Are their chiefest Enjoyment and Pride.

VII.

Their Pleasures are social, their Friendship sincere,
To Faction nor Party confin'd;
To Laws and Religion they strictly adhere,
And study the Good of Mankind.

VIII. Young

VIII.

Young *Bacchus* his Flaggon quite filled to the Top,
Drank jovially off with a Smile,
And swore such a Toast should be drank ev'ry Drop,
Though it were to the Bottom a Mile.

IX.

The Goddess of *Beauty*, embracing the Cup,
Look'd round with a Leer of Consent,
Ev'n *Cupid*, a Youngster, wou'd need take a Sup,
For he knew what her Goddessship meant.

X.

They're faithful in Friendship, and constant in Love,
This *Venus* avers to be true:
Now say, ye Immortals who dwell here above,
Is this not an Emblem of You?

XI.

Grim *Pluto* refus'd in a Passion and Foam,
Declar'd like a surly old Sot,
He'd rather, much rather, return to his Home
Than drink off a Health to the Knot.

XII.

His Reasons were ask'd; they are obvious and plain,
I never can wish my Foes well;
Their Faith and their Constancy hurt my Domain—
—I'll have no such Doings in Hell.

XIII.

Up rose mighty *Jove*, while his Thunder he roll'd,
And swore by the River of *Styx*,
For this Reason a Gen'ral Grand Knot he wou'd hold,
And in *Dublin* that Knot he wou'd fix.

XIV.

Put about the brisk *Nectar*,—like FRIENDLIES unite,—
Come, *Ganymede*, fill our Cups high;
Success to the Order that gives such Delight:
Now who dare a Bumper deny?

CHORUS.

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SONG,

S O N G,

By Mr. *DE LA MAIN*.

I.

THE Prince, who exalted sits high on his Throne,
Has Doubts, Fears and Troubles, and Cares of his own,
But he'd nought have to fear, nor from *Briton* nor *Scot*,
Were those he employ'd such as make up our KNOT.

II.

Look round the Societies held by Mankind,
Division and Contests your'e sure for to find;
Division, nor Contest, nor Shadow of Blot,
Shall ever be laid to the Charge of our KNOT.

III.

The Lawyer his Client, the Priest his Devotion,
The Soldier his Sword, and the Doctor his Potion,
Shall all throw aside, for to perish and rot,
Admittance to gain into our *Friendly* KNOT.

IV.

The Lover his Fair-one, the Poet his Story,
The Miser his Purse, the Ambitious his Glory,
The Beau his fine Clothes, nay, the Drunkard his Pot,
Each shall gladly relinquish—to join in our KNOT.

V.

Were a Prince for Admittance to sign a Petition,
His good Name we'd respect, but despise his Condition:
And if found unworthy, away he might trot,
For none but the Worthies shall join in our KNOT.

VI.

Should the Curious inquire *who founded our Order*,
I'd refer him to *Collier*, that faithful Recorder;
Should this not content him, I don't care a Jot,
I can tell him no more, unless join'd in our KNOT.

VII. Benevolence

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Benevolence, Decency, Joy and good-Nature,
We shed to the Brethren, and to ev'ry creature:
In Enmity cool, but in Friendship we're hot,
Be this then the Motto of each *Friendly* KNOT.

VIII.

Then rise, *Friendly Brethren*, and join Hand in Hand,
Together we'll sit, and together we'll stand;
Nor Artifice, Fraud, nor Contrivance, nor Plot,
Shall ever divide us when join'd in one KNOT.

SONG,

S O N G,

Composed for the Society of *Friendly Brothers*.

By CAPTAIN EDWARD FRIENDLY HAYES,

Of the 16th Regiment of Foot.

[Tune—*The Wat'ry God, &c.*]

I.

LONG had Hibernia's Sons confest,
With honest and undaunted Breast,
In Arms superior flood;
And oft to aid their Country's Laws,
T' assert their own and Britain's Cause,
Had shed their gen'rous Blood.

II.

In Arts as well as Arms they shone,
Those Arts which once were all their own,
From other Regions fled,
When Gothic Rage, o'er Roman Sense,
O'er Attic Wit and Eloquence,
A sable Veil had spread.

III.

And when a more enlight'ned Age
Beheld with just, indignant Rage,
A Monkish Bigot reign,
Her patriot Chiefs to Arms repair,
The Tyrant from his Throne to tear,
And Nassau to obtain.

IV.

Struck with her Children's virtuous Toil,
The Guardian Genius of the Isle,
(While Pleasure fills her Breast)
On Wings of Wind departs the Skies,
To one, her best-lov'd Son, she flies,
And thus the Youth address:

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" My Son, thy Country's Deeds demand
A just Reward to bless the Land,
In which such Virtues grow,
And lo! I bear this well-earn'd Prize,
From which the Joys of Serapim
From whence their Pleasures flow.

VI.

'Tis *Friendship*—matchless Gift! I bring;
To social Bliss the strongest Spring
The Heavens can impart;
'Tis this expands each nobler Sense,
Adds *Charity, Benevolence,*
And meliorates the Heart.



VII.

And *Britain's* Sons, with You shall be
In *Friendship* linkt, and *Harmony,*
The *Choice, Selected, Few;*
A Band of *Brothers* you shall prove,
Fast bound in true *Fraternal Love*—
She said—and upwards flew.

VIII.

Now let us who these Ties can boast,
In grateful Union give a Toast,
And push the Bumper round:
" May *Friendly Brothers* all remain
" In *Friendship's* Adamantine Chain,
" Indissolubly bound."

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